



NEWHAVEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

YEAR ENDED - 31st December, 1969

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To the Chairman and Members of the Newhaven Public Health and Housing Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the state of public health and on the sanitary circumstances of Newhaven for 1969.

The vital statistic of the area compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any comment. Four infant deaths were notified compared with two in 1968.

Only one case of infectious disease was notified during the year and this was a case of Sonne Dysentery. This does not indicate the true incidence of infectious disease in Newhaven and this insignificant figure is probably due to a failure to notify cases as they occur. In addition, one new case of tuberculosis was notified during the year.

Attention is drawn to the number of deaths from cancer of the lung (six). Whilst the number of deaths from lung cancer has fallen from eleven in 1968, too much attention should not be paid to figures pertaining to small populations. Throughout the country, this largely preventable condition is killing more and more people each year. The total for 1968 for England and Wales was 28,836 compared with 12,396 in 1949. The number of deaths from this cause is rising by about 1,000 a year at the present time. The medical profession is convinced, though not entirely, since some doctors still continue to smoke cigarettes, that the cause of these premature deaths is cigarette smoking. Doctors have reduced their smoking considerably more than any other group of people and statistics are showing conclusively that the number of deaths from lung cancer in doctors is now falling. Amongst smokers there is also an increased rate of heart disease, of bronchitis, and of cancer of the bladder. A figure of 100,000 deaths per year associated with smoking has been recently mentioned and this illustrates the magnitude of the problem. It is probably the greatest single public health problem at the present time.

During the year only five families were rehoused from unfit properties. One small clearance area containing three houses was declared in 1969 and a further house was dealt with by way of a closing order. A survey of some 400 of the older houses revealed 48 unfit houses and it is quite likely that this figure will have increased by the time the survey is completed. With this figure in mind, it is unfortunate that no Council houses were erected during the year. Some 63 private houses were completed and a further 86 were in the course of construction at the end of the year.

The area continues to develop industrially. During the year more industrial premises were completed and the number of persons employed in the town is rising steadily. It is estimated that some 3,000 persons are now employed in local factories. Complaints have arisen during the year about industrial processes being carried on in proximity to residential property. The major complaint is about excessive noise and I think it is very important to appreciate the damaging effect that this can have on both physical and mental health. Planning control must ensure that noisy industrial processes and housing are separated as widely as possible if the quality of life is to be preserved for many people. In the cases of noise nuisance arising during 1969, remedial works have produced a marked reduction in the amount of noise emitted.

I should like to pay tribute to your Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. M. R. Gibbs, Until the appointment of Mr. G. R. Eysenck as Assistant Public Health Inspector in October, 1969 he had to undertake single-handed the work of both the town and the port. The latter was the main cause of concern because the demands made on his time were steadily increasing as the amount of imports of food through Newhaven continued to grow. The summer period of peak sailings proved a difficult period and for a time this work could only be dealt with at the expense of the town work. However, the appointment of an additional inspector has ensured that all the duties can now be properly carried out and that a similar situation will not arise during the summer of 1970.

Finally, I want to tender my thanks to you for your help and encouragement during the year.

I am Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

J. L. COTTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS FOR THE AREA

(a) GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres)	1,772
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid year 1969)	9,900
Population (1931 Census)	7,381
Population (1951 Census)	7,783
Population (1961 Census)	8,325
Net increase of population during the year	140
Number of occupied houses 1951	2,196
Number of occupied houses 1969	3,294
Rateable Value (January, 1969)	£599,039
Product of penny rate	£2,356

(b) VITAL STATISTICS

1.	<u>Births and Birth Rate</u>	<u>NEWHAVEN</u> <u>U.D.</u>	<u>ENGLAND</u> <u>& WALES</u>
	Live Births	165	
	Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude)	16.7	16.3
*	Corrected birth rate	18.5	
	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	8.0	8.0
	Still-births	Nil	
	Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	13.0
	Total live and still-births	165	
	Live births		
	Legitimate	69	83
	Illegitimate	9	4
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		78	87
		165	

2. Deaths and Death Rate

Deaths	135	
Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)	13.6	11.9
* Corrected death rate	10.3	
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	4	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births)	24	18.0
Maternal mortality (including abortions)		
Number of deaths	0	154
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	0.19

* In order to compare death rates and birth rates in different parts of the country, the Registrar General supplies comparability factors for every district, so as to adjust for irregularities regarding age and sex in the local population. Applying a comparability factor of 1.11 to the crude birth rate of 16.7 the adjusted rate becomes 18.5 which is higher than the figure of 16.3 for England and Wales. Similarly a comparability factor of 0.76 applied to the crude death rate makes the adjusted rate of 10.3. This is lower than the rate for England and Wales at 11.9.

POPULATION

The population of Newhaven for the last ten years is given below:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Adjusted Birth Rate</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Adjusted Death Rate</u>
1960	8,160	136	103	16.7	17.2	12.6	10.2
1961	8,360	117	109	14.0	14.4	13.4	10.7
1962	8,520	145	134	17.0	17.5	15.7	13.4
1963	8,780	143	137	16.3	18.4	15.6	12.3
1964	9,010	171	117	19.0	21.4	13.0	10.5
1965	9,260	165	124	17.8	20.1	13.4	10.7
1966	9,380	158	139	16.8	19.0	14.8	12.0
1967	9,470	157	118	16.6	18.8	12.5	9.0
1968	9,760	159	160	16.3	18.1	16.4	12.3
1969	9,900	165	135	16.7	18.5	13.6	10.3

The increase in population during 1969 was 140 and it seems likely that the population will continue to rise at a steady rate over the foreseeable future.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No case of maternal mortality occurred in Newhaven during 1969. Only one maternal death has occurred in the area during the last thirty-three years.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Four infant deaths occurred in 1969 in Newhaven.

BIRTH RATE

The corrected birth rate is higher than that for England and Wales.

DEATH RATE

The corrected death rate of 10.3 per 1,000 population is lower than the national figure of 11.9.

Highest age at death was 99 years
Lowest age at death was 10 hours
Average age at death was 71.4 years

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

		<u>% of deaths</u>
(1)	Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	43 31.9
(2)	Cancer (all sites)	20 14.8
	(Cancer of the lung or bronchus accounted for)	6 4.4

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

During the year three persons who were aged and infirm, were living in insanitary conditions, unable to devote to themselves, and not receiving from other persons proper care and attention, were removed to hospital or to an institution under the provisions of the above legislation. Of the three, two were man and wife.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	M F	2 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus	M F	5 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	2 -	1 -	1 1
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	M F	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	- -	- -
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M F	2 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 2	1 1	1 3
Diabetes Mellitus	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -
Mental Disorders	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	M F	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- 1	1 1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M F	14 21	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	2 1	6 2	4 18
Other forms of Heart Disease	M F	1 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	1 3
Cerebrovascular Disease	M F	9 16	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	2 4	5 11
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M F	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -
Pneumonia	M F	3 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	2 4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M F	9 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	2 -	7 3
Asthma	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M F	2 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	2 -
Appendicitis	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M F	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1	- -

Cause of Death	Sex	Total	Under	4 Weeks										
		All Ages	4 Weeks	& Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Congenital Anomalies	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Birth Injury	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Difficult Labour etc.	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
All other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	58	3	-	1	1	-	-	2	4	5	16	26	
	F	77	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	4	7	13	48	

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

During the period under review the Medical Officer of Health for Newhaven also acted as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Lewes, the Urban District of Seaford and the Rural District of Chailey.

One Public Health Inspector carried out duties in the area during the whole of 1969 and in addition an Assistant Public Health Inspector commenced duty on 14th October, 1969.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

3. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The provision of the ambulance service is the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

The area served by the ambulance includes the districts of Newhaven Peacehaven, Telscombe, Piddinghoe, Tarring Neville and South Heighton. In the event of a further call or calls being received before the ambulance has returned from a previous journey, arrangements are in being for the call to be dealt with by other authorities in the area. Should this be necessary, it is done by radio control.

The East Sussex County Council provide facilities for the transport of tuberculosis patients.

4. HOSPITALS

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of hospital accommodation which, in this area, was materially the same as in previous years.

5. NURSING IN THE HOME

As in previous years, the East Sussex County Council, as empowered by Section 25 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has arranged for the service to be provided by the East Sussex County Nursing Association through the Newhaven and District Nursing Association.

6. CLINICS

The following is a list of clinics and treatment centres available during 1969 for residents of the district:-

Description and Situation	Day and Time of Attendance	By whom provided
Dental Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Monday to Friday inclusive of each week By appointment	East Sussex County Council
Speech Therapy, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Every Friday by appointment	East Sussex County Council
Cytology Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Mornings - Tuesday as necessary Evenings - 2nd & 4th Tuesday as necessary	East Sussex County Council
Toddlers Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	1st & 2nd Thursday afternoons 5th Wednesday afternoons	East Sussex County Council
Ante-natal Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Monday in every month (General Practitioners Clinic) 5th Monday in month (Midwives Clinic)	East Sussex County Council
Mothercraft & Relaxation Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council
Child Health Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Wednesday in every month	East Sussex County Council
Chiropody for the elderly & Handicapped, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Mornings - Monday and Thursday of each week	East Sussex County Council
Welfare Foods, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons- Monday Wednesday & Friday of each week	East Sussex County Council
Child Health Clinic, Denton Church Hall, DENTON.	Afternoons - 3rd Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council

7. PROVISION FOR DEALING WITH THE NEEDS OF THE MENTALLY DISORDERED

Under the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959 the East Sussex County Council makes provision for dealing with the needs of the mentally disordered. The provision of care in psychiatric hospitals is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. M. R. Gibbs, Chief Public Health Inspector, has furnished the following report on the sanitary supervision of the area:-

It was not possible for most of the year to devote sufficient time to the various duties in the town because of the growth of trade at the port. Particularly during the summer months, when a considerable amount of time was spent on port health duties, work in the urban district had, to some degree, to be neglected. The position was rectified by the appointment of an assistant inspector who took up his duties in October.

A housing survey of the older property in the town was commenced and some 400 houses were inspected. It has been found that about 60% have been provided with up-to-date amenities. 48 were found to be unfit.

Inspections under Food Hygiene Regulations were mainly concentrated on cafes, restaurants and licensed premises and a number of improvements were carried out.

Premises in the Lower Place Clearance Area were demolished and a further small area declared in Chapel Street. One basement flat was represented as unfit.

Some 120 complaints concerning public health nuisances, housing defects, unsound food, noise and smoke nuisances were dealt with.

Work under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 was mainly limited to dealing with new registrations and checking on those previously exempt.

The long dry summer brought a number of flea infestations, mainly associated with domestic pets.

The fine warm autumn was conducive to breeding among rats and mice and these pests were more prevalent than usual, towards the end of the year.

1970 should see the commencement of the development of The Fort. It is hoped that proposed council house building will enable slum clearance to be accelerated and that new attractive improvement grants under the 1969 Housing Act will encourage more owners to have their houses equipped with standard amenities.

1. CARAVAN SITES

The two licenced sites were satisfactorily maintained during the summer. Small problems concerning refuse disposal were overcome and the toilet blocks at the Meeching Court Farm Site were redecorated before the season commenced.

2. FOOD AND FOOD HYGIENE

During the year occupiers of food premises were asked to display notices requesting customers not to bring dogs into the premises and to refrain from smoking while purchasing food. The response to the requests, particularly that concerning dogs, was encouraging.

A survey was carried out of the 20 licensed premises in the district and the following work was carried out:-

New sinks provided	2
Redecorations to licensed rooms and toilets ..	6
Labelling of toilets	1
Additional toilets provided	3
Urinals improved	1

Work was outstanding at two premises and one closed during the year.

The 16 catering establishments were regularly inspected and, although a number of the structures are in poor condition, occupiers in most cases made every effort to keep their establishments in a clean condition.

The following work was carried out:-

Redecoration to premises ..	9
New Floors.. .. .	1
New sinks	1
New dustbin	1

One cafe closed during the year and minor works were outstanding at 2 others.

Redecorations to 4 other food premises were carried out during the year.

2 milk samples produced satisfactory laboratory reports.

7 complaints concerning food were received, as follows:-

Mouldy cream buns	1
Mouldy sliced bread	1
Mouldy sausages	1
Mouldy sausage rolls	1
Rancid bacon	1
Milk bottle containing paint	1
Loaf containing piece of string	1

Some cases were dealt with informally, the goods being replaced. Others, including the loaf containing string, were referred to the Food and Drugs Authority (County Weights and Measures Department). The latter took one successful prosecution concerning mouldy sausage rolls purchased in the district.

The contaminated milk bottle originated from Chailey Rural District Council's area and the complaint was referred to their health department.

The following unsound food was condemned:-

<u>Particulars of Food</u>					<u>Reason for Condemnation</u>
12 x 5 oz.	jars of horseradish..	..	..	..	souring
1 x 7 oz.	tin of luncheon meat	..	..	..	blown tin
34 x 9 ¹ / ₂ oz.	tins of prunes	..	..	..	blown tins
1 x 14 ¹ / ₂ oz.	tin of garden peas	..	..	..	blown tin
2 x 15 ¹ / ₂ oz.	tins of beef stock	..	..	..	blown tins
1 x 14 ¹ / ₂ oz.	tin of meat in gravy	..	..	..	pierced tin
1 x 12 lb.	tin of cooked ham	..	..	..	decomposition
425 x 1 lb.	tins of grapefruit	..	..	..	faulty tinning
2 stone of	frozen cod..	..	..	..	contaminated
5 sides of	Danish bacon	..	..	..	putrefaction
30 lbs. of	lambs plucks and tongues	..	..	..	putrefaction
9 ¹ / ₂ lbs. of	skate	..	..	..	tainted
Contents of 1	frozen food cabinet	..	..	..	electrical fault

Premises controlled by Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Category	Regulation 16		Regulation 19	
	No.	Complying	No.	Complying
Butchers	8	8	8	8
Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Grocery Supermarkets	1	1	1	1
Grocery & General Stores	23	23	23	23
Grocers Warehouse	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	20	20	20	20
Dairies	2	2	2	2
Ice Cream Premises	32	32	32	32
Canteens	10	10	10	10
Cafes & Restaurants	15	15	15	15
Greengrocers	6	6	6	6
TOTALS	121	121	121	121

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

3. FACTORIES ACT 1961

In the Urban District of Newhaven there are no factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the above Act are enforced, and 104 in which Section 7 only is enforced.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	74	6	NIL
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L. A. (excluding outworkers premises).	7	7	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	111	81	6	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H. M. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY H. M. INSPECTOR	NO.OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTION WAS INSTI- TUTED
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Inadequate vent- ilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Sanitary Conven- iences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	3	-	-	-	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	2	-	1	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworkers

	SECTION 133		SECTION 134			
Nature of of Work (1)	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Pro- sec- uti- ons (7)
Curtains and furni- ture hang- ings	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing Apparel (making)	2	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	-	-	-	-	-

4. HOUSING

18 houses in the Lower Place Clearance Area were demolished towards the end of the year.

A clearance area was declared in respect of 72, 74 and 76 Chapel Street. Number 68 Chapel Street was dealt with as an individual unfit house and one basement flat in Meeching Road was represented as unfit.

A survey of the older houses in the town commenced and work was completed on the East side of the river. Work was also carried out in Chapel Street, Meeching Road, South Road, Gibbon Road, Fort Road, Court Farm Road and part of Evelyn Avenue.

A total of 411 houses were inspected and 48 were found to be unfit. Amenities provided to houses were as follows:-

Bathrooms	206
Internal W.C.'s	221
External W.C.'s	190

Allowing for the 48 unfit houses, some 60% of the remainder have been improved to a reasonable standard.

30 complaints of housing defects were received as follows:-

Overflowing W.C. cisterns	1
Dampness	8
Leaking Roofs	3
Smoking grate	1
Lack of W.C. cisterns	2
General disrepair	5
Defective ceilings	1
Broken windows in empty houses	2
Leaking and missing guttering	2
Defective drains	2
Burst water pipe	1
Collapsed boundary wall	1
Alleged overcrowding	1

Only 1 complaint was outstanding at the end of the year.

15 visits were made in connection with housing applications and to problem tenants.

No Council houses were erected during the year. 63 private houses were completed and 86 were in the course of erection at the end of the year.

Five families were rehoused from unfit properties.

5. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

16 new premises were registered during the year and the total number of registered premises now stands at 123. A total of 125 visits was made. There were only 22 general inspections made due to pressure of other work.

Informal notices were issued in respect of 32 deficiencies under the Act. The main shortcomings were lack of, or shortages in first aid equipment, lack of Abstracts of the Act, thermometers and facilities for hanging outdoor clothing. 8 items were outstanding at the end of the year.

Five minor accidents were reported. These were investigated and advice given in appropriate cases.

6. PEST CONTROL

16 treatments for fleas in twelve premises were carried out. 2 were in council houses and 14 in private property.

143 complaints of rat and mice infestations were received in the office and following are the figures produced by the full-time rodent operator on work carried out during the year:-

Notifications

Number of visits	207
Rat infestations discovered	125
Mice infestations discovered	45

Survey

Number of visits	187
Rat infestations discovered	48
Mice infestations discovered	20

As usual, infestations were at their heaviest during the last three months of the year.

The value of surveying properties and areas prone to infestation is borne out by the number found to require treatments.

7. PETROLEUM LICENCES

20 applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum spirit were approved on payment of the appropriate fees.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. COMPLAINTS & NUISANCES

83 complaints were received on a variety of matters, classified as follows:-

Accumulation of rubbish	.. .. .	24
Keeping of animals in insanitary conditions	.. .. .	5
Smells	.. .. .	11
Smoke emissions	.. .. .	5
Flooding of property	.. .. .	2
Overflowing drains	.. .. .	7
Noise..	.. .. .	5
Improper drainage..	.. .. .	1
Defective manhole covers	.. .. .	1
Overflowing cesspools..	.. .. .	2
Derelict property..	.. .. .	2
Fouling of paths by horses	.. .. .	1
Dead animals	.. .. .	1
Insanitary conditions of houseboats	.. .. .	1
Defective dustbins	.. .. .	2
Nuisance from pigeons..	.. .. .	1
Insanitary premises	.. .. .	2
W.C.'s out of order	.. .. .	2
Derelict land..	.. .. .	2
Abandoned caravan..	.. .. .	1
Verminous premises	.. .. .	3
Lack of sanitary accommodation	.. .. .	1
Rat infestations	.. .. .	1

5 complaints had not been resolved at the end of the year.

4 abatement notices were served under Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936, concerning a leaking roof, missing guttering, an accumulation of rubbish and insanitary conditions on a houseboat. In the first three cases, notices were complied with by the end of the year.

2 noise problems in industrial premises were resolved.

9. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collections continued to be carried out weekly from domestic premises and twice a week from trade premises. The work is done by contractors who give a good and reliable service.

Disposal continues to be carried out by controlled tipping on land in Lewes Road where private firms and persons can, on production of an authorisation, bring in any waste materials for disposal.

Chailey R.D.C. continue to make use of the tip for refuse from certain of their parishes.

The bulky collection service begun six years ago continues to be a boon. Large unwanted pieces of furniture, old prams etc. are collected fortnightly, free of charge, by the Surveyor's workmen, ensuring that this type of rubbish is properly disposed of instead of being indiscriminately dumped in the countryside and on waste land.

10. SEWERAGE

With the exception of the following premises which are drained to cesspools, all houses in the district are connected to the public sewers:-

West Pier	3
Court Farm Road	1
Harbour Heights	39
Denton - Mount Pleasant	4
Lewes Road	10
New Road	2
Valley Road	8

11. WATER SUPPLY

The district has two sources of water supply. All houses are supplied by mains water.

The supplies derive from (a) The Mid-Sussex Water Company's well at Poverty Bottom, and (b) British Railways' well at Denton. The latter supplies the harbour, four houses and the Railway and Harbour Hotels.

The Department took 9 samples from the Company's supply and the Company submitted 19 samples for bacteriological analysis. All reports were satisfactory. The supply is ample for all purposes.

59 samples before treatment and 30 samples of treated water from British Rail's source were submitted for analysis by their Medical Department. Two samples of the raw water were unsatisfactory. The supply was investigated and suitable action taken resulting in subsequent satisfactory reports. The supply is ample in quantity.

12. PARTICULARS OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE FOR ALL PURPOSES

Caravan Sites	22
Complaints.. .. .	146
Drainage	1
Factories	111

Food Premises

Bakehouses.. .. .	6
Butchers	15
Fish Shops.. .. .	11
Grocers and General Stores.. .. .	51
Greengrocers	11
Dairies	3
Restaurants and Cafes	74
Licensed Premises	60
Infectious Diseases	28
Milk Samples	2
Food and Drugs Act.. .. .	6
Miscellaneous	38
Noise Abatement	7
Houseboats.. .. .	22
Smoke Abatement	33
Housing Survey.. .. .	458
Council House Applicants	16
Housing Inspections	36
Overcrowding	1
Petroleum Acts.. .. .	13
Public Conveniences	13
Refuse Collections and Disposal	11
Pests	30
Revisits	200
Unsound Food	18
Verminous Premises.. .. .	22
Water Supply	24

TOTAL 1,489

SECTION IV

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Only one case of infectious disease was notified in Newhaven during 1969. This was a case of dysentery.

The following figures relating to Vaccination and Immunisation were supplied by the East Sussex County Council. The figures have been affected by the introduction of a new Immunisation Schedule late in 1968.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

	CHILDREN BORN IN YEARS:-						TOTAL
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962 1965	others under 16	
A. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF PRIMARY IMMUNISATION IN THE AUTHORITY'S AREA DURING 1969	4	80	8	3	3	1	99
B. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A SECONDARY (REINFORCING) INJECTION DURING 1969	-	24	97	6	162	1	290

Since immunisation was first introduced there has been a dramatic fall in the number of cases of diphtheria and also in the number of deaths from diphtheria. In 1969 in England and Wales there were no deaths from diphtheria and seventeen cases, a repetition of the 1968 figures. To prevent this disease from spreading once again it is vital to maintain a high state of immunity in the community. I cannot urge parents too strongly to ensure that their children are protected against this disease since almost all the cases and deaths occur amongst non-immunised children. It has become all too common to regard diphtheria as a disease which no longer occurs and that there is no need to have children immunised. This is a very dangerous practice and every child should be immunised during infancy and again at the start of school life.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

	YEAR OF BIRTH						
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962 1965	others under 16	TOTAL
A. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF PRIMARY IMMUNISATION IN THE AUTHORITY'S AREA DURING 1969	4	80	8	3	3	-	98
B. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A SECONDARY (REINFORCING) INJECTION DURING 1969	-	24	93	5	22	-	144

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The following persons under 16 years of age were vaccinated or revaccinated against smallpox in 1969.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	1 year	2 - 4 years	5 -15 years	TOTAL
NUMBER VACCINATED	-	1	1	6	118	20	3	149
NUMBER REVACCINATED	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

1,473 certificates requiring the signature of the doctor to be authenticated were dealt with during the year for the area of the Joint Committee.

SECTION V
TUBERCULOSIS

In 1969 one new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified amongst Newhaven residents. One person already suffering from the disease who had previously left the area returned to the district. One new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified. No deaths due to tuberculosis occurred in the district during 1969.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1969

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1 New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	1 re-entry-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 +	-	-	-	1 New	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

t.i. = Move into District

NUMBER OF CASES ON REGISTER AT
31st DECEMBER, 1969

MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
43	3	41	6	93
Whereas at 31st December, 1968, the number of cases of the register was:-				
48	3	43	5	99

